

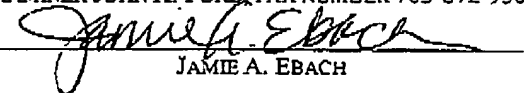
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>Applicant:</b> BEN J. SLOAN and WILLIAM G. REED	<b>Examiner:</b> John K. Ford
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<b>For:</b> TEMPERATURE CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD WITH RECIRCULATED COOLANT	<b>Docket No.</b> FSI0022/US/3

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON DECEMBER 23, 2002, THIS  
CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED TO  
THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TO  
EXAMINER JOHN K. FORD, FAX NUMBER 703-872-9303.

  
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2002. Claims 27-31 are pending. Reconsideration and further examination of the application are respectfully requested.

The time period for response expires on December 23, 2002. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees therefore to the Kagan Binder deposit account No. 50-1775.

No other fees are believed to be required in connection with the filing of this response. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and thereafter notify us of the same.